London 16 Upper Brook St. —

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My dear Leech. —

I was very glad indeed to see your hand writing not knowing whether to believe or not always feeling a deep interest in your well being altogether I take your report of yourself as satisfactory. For even the health is no trifle to be playing at an affectionate wife, as I see you little girl myself about the same age as your child. I can well congratulate you on that addition to your daily life. For can I think that the difficulties & annoyances which interfere your election can be any continued source of annoyance for your success shows that you had friends at least as earnest as your opponents & it is not in the nature of Eng-

his leave to keep up my social & friendly feelings, after the contest is over. As for myself, I feel I have no more means of assisting you than I had when you were in England & I feel every day more & more the difficulty of settling any one I care about in any satisfactory walk of life in this old & trodden world. I make no decision to myself respecting the trials & inconveniences & disappointments of a colonial life, but I am sure that with health & heart they are easier to bear than the delays & jostlings of these crowded thoroughfares. If on my decease, a good word to the Colonial Office has ever to be of use to you, I will not fail to give one in for you, - but the favour & interference of that establishment is now so much restricted that you & yours are, to most intents & purposes, as independent as your North American brethren. -

Dear Sons I hope you have reached Adelaide safe & sound & are now comfortably settled in your new home. I have not received any letter from either of you since you left Melbourne but I suppose you were too busy to write before you left & have since been waiting to hear from us. I am glad to say we are all quite well & hope this will find you both enjoying the same blessing. I am sorry to say that Fred has been very ill with Typhoid Fever but is now convalescent & will be able to get up in a few days. He has had a very severe attack & has been very near death's door. He has been very patient & has borne his illness like a man. I am sure he will be very glad to see you both when you return. I am very much disappointed that you have left Melbourne without seeing me but I suppose you had your reasons for doing so. I am sorry you have left the service as I think you were getting on very well & had a good chance of promotion. I suppose you have got a better berth now & are receiving better pay. I do not know what you have got to do in Adelaide but I suppose you will be working in some office. I am sorry you have left Melbourne without seeing me but I suppose you had your reasons for doing so. I am sorry you have left the service as I think you were getting on very well & had a good chance of promotion. I suppose you have got a better berth now & are receiving better pay. I do not know what you have got to do in Adelaide but I suppose you will be working in some office. I am sorry you have left Melbourne without seeing me but I suppose you had your reasons for doing so. I am sorry you have left the service as I think you were getting on very well & had a good chance of promotion. I suppose you have got a better berth now & are receiving better pay. I do not know what you have got to do in Adelaide but I suppose you will be working in some office.

There are a lot of the boys here in the country are working in their fathers fields, & the greater part of every day. If we are to have a war with Germany, which seems very probable, I do not think I will be much longer before I am called upon to go. I suppose you will be very glad to hear that I have got a good chance of promotion. I am sorry you have left the service as I think you were getting on very well & had a good chance of promotion. I suppose you have got a better berth now & are receiving better pay. I do not know what you have got to do in Adelaide but I suppose you will be working in some office.

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